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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED OFFICIAL MEETINGS

Tuesday, 18 June 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

10 a.m.	103rd PLENARY MEETING	Trusteeship Council Chamber
3 p.m.	104th PLENARY MEETING	Trusteeship Council Chamber

[12] Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communications technologies for development

Note: The PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA and the SUMMARY OF MEETINGS of bodies other than those of the General Assembly at its fifty-sixth session appear in Part II (English/French) of the present issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/116 (Part II)).

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MEETING OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
DEVOTED TO INFORMATION
AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGIES
FOR DEVELOPMENT
17 and 18 June 2002

Panel discussion

An informal panel entitled "The United Nations' role in supporting efforts to promote digital opportunity, in particular in Africa and the LDCs: challenge of inclusion in the world economy through ICT" will take place *today*, 18 June 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The Chairman will be H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations and Vice-President of the General Assembly and the Moderator will be Mr. Anwarul Chowdhury, High Representative for least developed countries, landlocked developed countries and small island developing states.

Presentations will be made by prominent panellists in the field of ICT. Members of permanent missions, United Nations staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 17 June 2002

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-sixth session

101st plenary meeting

Tribute to the memory of H.E. Sir Charles Antrobus, late Governor General of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The General Assembly observed one minute of silence.

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines made a statement.

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The President informed the General Assembly that, pursuant to resolution 56/258 of 31 January 2002, one informal panel would be held on Monday afternoon, 17 June 2002, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Abdul Mejid Hussein, Permanent Representative of Ethiopia to the United Nations, and another informal panel would be held on Tuesday morning, 18 June 2002, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Jean-David Levitte, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations.

The General Assembly decided that at the concluding plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development to be held on Tuesday afternoon, 18 June 2002, the Chairmen of the two informal panels would present a summary of the discussions held in their respective panels.

The President made a statement.

The Secretary-General made a statement.

The General Assembly heard an address by H.E. Mr. Abdoulaye Wade, President of the Republic of Senegal.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 56/281 of 1 May 2002, statements were made by the President of the Economic and Social Council, H.E. Mr. Ivan Šimonović; the Secretary-General of the International Telecommunication Union, Mr. Yoshio Utsumi; the Chairman of the Information and Communication Technologies Task Force, Mr. José Maria Figueres Olsen; and the Chairman of the Digital Opportunities Task Force and Deputy Minister for Industry Canada, Mr. Peter Harder.

The General Assembly decided to hear the observer of Switzerland and the observer of the Holy See in plenary meeting of the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development.

The General Assembly heard statements by H.E. Mr. Rudolf Römer, Vice-Minister for Science and Technology of Venezuela (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China); the representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran; Mr. David Gross, Deputy Assistant Secretary and the United States Coordinator for International Communication and Information Policy of

the Department of State of the United States; Mr. Ma Songde, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Science and Technology of China; H.E. Mr. Kenshiro Matsunami, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan; the representative of Algeria; and H.E. Mr. Yang Seung-tack, Minister of Information and Telecommunications of the Republic of Korea.

Programme of work

The General Assembly decided to hold an additional plenary meeting on Tuesday morning, 18 June 2002, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Assembly also decided that the list of speakers for the Meeting of the General Assembly devoted to information and communication technologies for development would be closed at 1 p.m. on 17 June.

102nd plenary meeting

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The General Assembly heard statements by the representatives of Sri Lanka and Spain (on behalf of the European Union); H.E. Mr. Miquel Alvarez, Minister of Economics of Andorra; the representative of Romania; Mr. Ashraf Mahmood, Secretary, Information Technology and Telecommunications Division of Pakistan; the representatives of Peru, Qatar, Nauru (on behalf of the Pacific Islands Forum) and Malaysia; Mr. Alar Ehandi, Chairman, Look@World Foundation of Estonia; Mr. Andrey Korotkov, First Deputy Minister, Communications and Information of the Russian Federation; the representative of Jamaica; H.E. Mr. Orlando Jorge Mera, President, Dominican Institute of Telecommunications of the Dominican Republic; the representatives of Kenya, Mongolia, Ecuador, Norway, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Uruguay, and Ethiopia.

Committees

FIFTH COMMITTEE 60th meeting

Note: The summary of the 60th meeting of the Fifth Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 2002/117 (Part I)).

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